



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 557

LCO No. 2216

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

An Act Concerning Sparklers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 29-356 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 "Fireworks" means and includes any combustible or explosive
4 composition, or any substance or combination of substances or article
5 prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by
6 combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and includes blank
7 cartridges, toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes or toy guns in which
8 explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath
9 to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles,
10 Daygo bombs, sparklers or other fireworks of like construction and
11 any fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound, or
12 any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance. [,
13 except that the] The term "fireworks" shall not include (1) toy pistols,
14 toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper caps manufactured
15 in accordance with the regulations of the United States Interstate
16 Commerce Commission or its successor agency [regulations] for
17 packing and shipping of toy paper caps are used and toy pistol paper

18 caps manufactured as provided therein, (2) toy pistols, toy guns in
19 which paper caps containing twenty-five-hundredths grains or less of
20 explosive compound are used or toy pistol caps which contain less
21 than twenty-hundredths grains of explosive mixture, (3) wire or wood
22 sparklers of not more than one hundred grams of pyrotechnic mixture
23 per item, (4) other devices which are nonexplosive and nonaerial and
24 which may produce a crackling or whistling effect and contain
25 seventy-five grams or less of chemical compound per tube or a total of
26 two hundred grams or less for multiple tubes, or (5) snakes and glow
27 worms, smoke devices or trick noisemakers, each consisting of twenty-
28 five-hundredths grains or less of explosive mixture, provided such
29 devices are nonexplosive and nonaerial.

PS Committee Vote: Yea 22 Nay 0 JF